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*We shall place a star against items, under the head of 'New Mills,' and 'Enlargements and Improvements,' which have been mentioned in any way before. Items without a star are mentioned for the first time.

New Mills.

Cotton.

—*ALABAMA, Eufaula. Work is progressing rapidly on the Chewalla Cotton Mills, and the company is about ready to purchase machinery. J. P. Fay is president of the company.

—*SOUTH CAROLINA, Wellford. A company will be organized under the name of the Tucapau Mills Co., to erect a cotton mill at this place. A commission for its charter has been issued. The incorporators are C. E. Fleming of Spartanburg, J. B. Cleveland, D. E. Converse, J. E. Moore and J. W. Carlisle, also of Spartanburg, and H. E. Revenel of Wellford. The company has a capital stock of $150,000 with right to increase to $500,000.

Woolen.

—QUEBEC, Montmorency Falls. A new brick building is being constructed at this place for the manufacture of carpets and tapestry. Operations will commence next summer.

Knit.

—GEORGIA, Rossville. A knitting mill and rope factory are to be built at this place by J. N. Walker.

—GEORGIA, Savannah. The Southover Land Co. has begun to put in practical operation its plan for building a 30,000 spindle yarn mill.

—NEW HAMPSHIRE, Laconia. Fred Rowe has started to manufacture hosiery in the building formerly occupied by the Laconia Mfg. Co.

Miscellaneous.

—NEW JERSEY, Lake View. A certificate of incorporation of the Lake View Ribbon Co. was filed February 21, with capital stock of $25,000 of which $10,000 has been paid in. The incorporators are Andre Cardinal, George W. Smith, Rudolph Matthiee, and A. J. Van Riper. The business will be carried on in this city and in other cities in New York and Philadelphia.

—*PENNSYLVANIA, Pottstown. The stockholders of the new textile industry held a meeting February 20 and elected a board of directors. The board organized by the election of William Auchenbach, president; Jacob Fegely, treasurer, and J. H. Broomley, secretary. The mills will be known as the Bannockburn Mills. $21,000 have already been subscribed.

Enlargements and Improvements.

Cotton.

—CONNECTICUT, Willimantic. The Smithville Mfg. Co. are, we understand, preparing to completely renovate their mill, and to put much new machinery in every department. The work will probably be begun in the spring. We believe they have practically decided upon Pettee cards, Colvin looms, Hill speeders, Fales & Jenckes frames and Asa Lees mules, but other machinery and supplies will be needed that have not yet been contracted for. This mill operates 21,000 spindles and 508 looms on twills and print cloths.

Woolen.

—MAINE, Caribou. The Caribou Woolen Mill, T. T. Crockett & Son, props., are putting a new Leffel wheel into their woolen mill, and are making other extensive repairs.

—MAINE, Phillips. Hiscock & Atwood are making repairs to their woolen mill, and expect to start up in March.

Knit.

—PENNSYLVANIA, West Chester. The West Chester Knitting Co. has ordered ten new knitting machines, which will considerably increase their output of stockings.

Miscellaneous.

—*VIRGINIA, Fredericksburg. The Virginia Silk Mills Co., recently incorporated with $50,000 capital stock, will increase its capacity. S. A. Wilder is president of the company.

Mills Starting Up.

Cotton.

—CONNECTICUT, Willimantic. Work was resumed in the mills of the Windham Cotton Mfg. Co., February 19, on full time.

—GEORGIA, Brunswick. The Kenyon Mfg. Co. has increased its facilities and enlarged its capital. The mills will be in operation in March.

Woolen.

—CALIFORNIA, Santa Rosa. It is reported that the Santa Rosa Woolen Mill has been leased to a company of practical mill men, with the privilege of buying, who are making arrangements to put the mill in operation. They have sufficient capital to equip and operate the mill, and to buy when the time comes, but they ask that the citizens will raise $5000 bonus. The mill has been idle for six years and it will now be a three-set mill instead of a two-set as before.

—KENTUCKY, Carrollton. The Carrollton Woolen Mills have been leased by W. F. Rowe, and are now in operation.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Auburn. The mills of the Stoneville Worsted Co., 7 set, started up in full on Monday February 19. They have been idle since August.

—MASSACHUSETTS, East Douglas. Work has been resumed at the woolen mill of W. E. Hayward & Co., with a reduction of 10 per cent in wages.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Lowell. The No. 2 Mill of the Belvidere Woolen Mfg. Co. will start up on full time, with reduced wages, February 26.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Southbridge. The Hamilton Woolen Co. started up their cotton and worsted departments February 19, and in a short time the whole establishment will be in operation,

—NEW HAMPSHIRE, Gonic. Work will be resumed in the mills of the Gonic Mfg. Co. on full time with a 10 per cent. reduction.

—NEW JERSEY, Camden. Howland Croft Sons & Co. started up their worsted mills at this place February 19.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Bloomsburg. The Bloomsburg Carpet Works have started up on full time.

—WISCONSIN, West Superior. The West Superior Woolen Mill, formerly operated by E. J. Salt, has been leased to M. B. Coburn who is now running the mill to its full capacity. Machinery has recently been put in for the manufacture of tweed cloth.

Knit.

—MICHIGAN, Colon. The Lamb Knit Goods Co. have resumed operations.

Miscellaneous.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Fall River. The Anawan Mill will resume operations February 26. A new steel chimney has been put in place of the old iron one which was partially blown down.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Florence, The Nonotuck Silk Co. has started up its mills at this place, at Leeds and at Haydenville, for four days a week.

Mills Shutting Down.

Woolen.

—CONNECTICUT, Stafford Springs. The mills of Rawitzer & Bro. shut down February 19, and those of the Warren Woolen Co. will close March first.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Lowell. The Middlesex Co. have closed down their woolen mill for an indefinite period.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Norristown. J. Morton Brown & Co. have closed down their mills.

—RHODE ISLAND, Providence. The mills of the Saxon Worsted Co., have shut down for an indefinite period. It is reported that the Weybosset Mills will also shut down in a few days.

Miscellaneous.

—NEW YORK, New York. The silk weavers of New York City have gone out on strike, and as a consequence the following mills have shut down: Jacob New, Jacob Dunkel, Smith & Kaufmann, A. & S. Blumenthal, Charles Horn, J. Loth & Co., Walther & Co., Morrisiana Silk Mills, Eagle Silk Co., R Steinhardt and Hertlein & Schlatter. The Rhenania Mills and the mills of Openhym & Sons at College Point are also shut down, owing to a strike among the operatives.

Fires.

—MANITOBA, Wardsville. The flax mill of John Heath has been burned down. Loss $4000. No insurance.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Fall River. Fire broke out in one of the mules at the Metacomet Mills February 20. The damage by fire was slight, but the loss by water will amount to about $1000. Insured.

Facts and Gossip.

—ALABAMA, Huntsville. We understand that a company from New England having a capital of $2,000,000 are in correspondence with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at this place, concerning the location of a cotton mill in Huntsville. This may be the Dwight Mills.

—MASSACHUSETTS, Webster. We find on further investigation that the Webster Valley Woolen Co.'s plant as reported organized last week, capital stock $45,000, will operate six looms instead of twenty, and employ ten men. Mr. Andrew Walker will be proprietor and have sole management, and neither Mr. Childs nor Mr. Ginsburg are interested.

—MISSOURI, St. Louis. The Tremont Woolen Co. filed articles of incorporation, with capital stock of $5000, all paid, and held by C. E. Dann, 469 shares; J. F. Dann, 30 shares and M. N. Smith, one share.

—NEW HAMPSHIRE, Laconia. Morin & Co. have leased the rear of the building formerly occupied by the Advocate and will continue the manufacture of hosiery.

—NEW HAMPSHIRE, Nashua. In our issue of last week we reported the Sands & Brown Mfg. Co., incorporated to build a woolen mill. Our informant was at fault, for we find on further investigation that they will manufacture woven wire, beds, cots, etc.

—NEW YORK, Middleville. The Nelson Knitting Co. has been incorporated, with capital stock $10,000. Directors, A. W. Nelson Frank Thomas and Carrie Thomas.

—NEW YORK, Waterford. The firm of Meeker, Spotten & Meeker of this place has been incorporated, with capital of $40,000. They manufacture hosiery and knit goods.

—NORTH CAROLINA, King's Mountain. The Crowder's Mountain Cotton Mills are nearly completed and are in the market for 100 plain looms. They will be started up about April first. P. S. Baker is treasurer and general manager.

—PENNSYLVANIA, Norristown. The Keystone Hosiery Co. have abandoned their branch factory at Phœnixville, and are having their machinery brought to this place.

—RHODE ISLAND, Newport. The Newport Elastic Fabric Co. proposes to resume work, the stockholders having decided that it was advisable to bond the work rather than remain idle longer. The bond is for $9500 and the members of the company have gone upon it.

—RHODE ISLAND, Pawtucket. We learn that the name of the Potter & Atherton Machine Co. will soon be changed to the A. T. Atherton Machine Co., Mr. Potter having withdrawn to connect himself with the new Howard & Bullough Machine Co., which will soon begin the erection of their plant.

—VIRGINIA, Portsmouth. Bids for furnishing materials and building for the Portsmouth Mfg. Co. were opened February 19.